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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Hans-Joachim Rudolf )  
Title: METHOD OF AND DEVICE )  
FOR CONTROLLING AND )  
AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLING )  
THE THICKNESS PROFILE IN THE )  
PRODUCTION OF BLOWN FILM )

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), the Examiner is hereby respectfully advised that the references listed on the attached sheet have come to the attention of Applicant and are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant has identified the references on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto. A copy of the listed references are also included.

German references DE 2658518 A1, DE 3920194 A1, DE 4001287 A1, DE 4428212 A1 and DE 19629076 A1 illustrate film blowing heads for producing thermoplastic material. The head includes an outer ring for blowing air toward the film.



It is Applicant's opinion that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from these reference. The references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipates the invention or which would render the invention obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art. Applicant respectfully requests that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application.

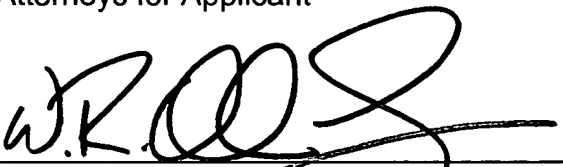
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), enclosed is the \$180.00 filing fee required. Applicant does not believe any additional fees to be due in connection with this filing. However, if additional fees are required to prevent abandonment of this application, authorization is given to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees due. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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